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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO YOUR MEETING WITH DAYAN ON PEACE
ISSUES

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1. YOU HANDLED THE CONVERSATION WITH DAYAN ON FRIDAY VERY WELL. THERE WERE TWO OR THREE POINTS RAISED BY DAYAN ON WHICH WE CAN PERHAPS OFFER SOME FURTHER COMMENT. IF YOU AGREE THIS WOULD BE USEFUL, YOU MAY WISH TO SPEAK WITH HIM AGAIN WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS TO CONVEY FOLLOWING.

2. WITH RESPECT TO DAYAN'S QUERY AS TO WHETHER SADAT WOULD BE WILLING TO "CONCLUDE" AS WELL AS "NEGOTIATE" WEST BANK/

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GAZA AGREEMENT IF HUSSEIN DID NOT JOIN NEGOTIATIONS, YOU TOOK EXACTLY RIGHT TACK. IN OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH SADAT, HE HAS NOT BEEN EXPLICIT ON THIS POINT WITH RESPECT TO WEST BANK/GAZA. ON OTHER HAND, THRUST OF ALL OF HIS REMARKS TO US HAS BEEN THAT HE WILL NOT INDEFINITELY ALLOW THE OTHER ARABS TO BLOCK EGYPT'S MOVING TO PEACE SETTLEMENT IF AT SAME TIME NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL PROVIDE BASIS FOR HIM

TO ASSERT THAT REASONABLE FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATING PALESTINIAN PROBLEM HAS BEEN ACHIEVED. WE ARE UNABLE TO CARRY IT BEYOND THIS FOR DAYAN. WE FULLY RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER,

THAT DAYAN WANTS FIRM ASSURANCE ON THIS POINT. HIS QUESTION TO SADAT IS QUITE CLEAR AND SADAT WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO FACE UP TO AN EXPLICIT ANSWER AT SOME POINT.

3. RE PARA 6, AS YOU HAVE ALREADY INFORMED DAYAN, SADAT HAS NOT EXPRESSED HIMSELF EXPLICITLY ON WHETHER THERE COULD BE ISRAELI MILITARY PRESENCE BEYOND TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, AND IT IS WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO SADAT, RATHER THAN U.S. POSITION, THAT IS OBVIOUSLY THE MAIN POINT. IF AN EXTENDED ISRAELI SECURITY PRESENCE PROVED TO BE ACCEPTABLE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO FINAL TERMS FOR THE WEST BANK/GAZA, THE U.S. WOULD SUPPORT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT.

4. YOU WERE CORRECT IN STATING THAT SADAT IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT PRESIDENT CARTER'S ASWAN FORMULA, AND CORRECT ALSO TO POINT OUT IT IS ENTIRE STATEMENT THAT SADAT IS ACCEPTING. LINKAGE OF "SELF-DETERMINATION" (NOT "PARTICIPATION IN THE DETERMINATION...") WITH "THROUGH TALKS" APPEARED IN ORIGINAL EGYPTIAN FORMULATION SUBMITTED TO POLITICAL COMMITTEE IN JERUSALEM BUT LINKAGE DISAPPEARED IN SUBSEQUENT EGYPTIAN SUBMISSIONS WHICH PUT CALL FOR
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SELF-DETERMINATION AND PROVISION FOR TALKS IN SEPARATE SENTENCES.

5. FINALLY, IN PARA 13 YOU REPORT DAYAN ASKS WHETHER WORD "SOVEREIGNTY" COULD BE REPLACED BY DIFFERENT TERM. WE WOULD BE WILLING TO HAVE PHRASE "FINAL STATUS" REPLACE "SOVEREIGNTY" IF THAT WILL HELP. CHRISTOPHER

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